

Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Finder Tool Scenarios

The Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Finder tool is an innovative web tool on www.medicare.gov designed to assist people with Medicare, their family members, and their caregivers compare Medicare plans offering drug coverage. The best way to use this tool is to “personalize” the drug plan comparison. The personalized search enables CMS to incorporate information we know about the individual, e.g., current plan membership, eligibility for extra help based on limited income and resources. To follow this path the person doing the search must provide personal information, including their Medicare claim number, last name, date of birth, effective date for Medicare Part A or B, and Zip code of their residence.

Because the personalized feature of the tool is so important, we have developed test cases to allow partners and stakeholders to see how the tools will work for people with Medicare. There are six scenarios, listed below, that represent different potential combinations of eligibility and coverage for Medicare beneficiaries. To follow the “personalized” comparison simply enter the five data elements outlined for the six scenarios below to view the corresponding drug plan information. These numbers are not for real people; the results reflect what an actual person with Medicare in the same circumstance will see.

1. Beneficiary is currently receiving employer subsidy only; in addition, he or she does qualify for extra help (limited income subsidy) paying for Medicare prescription drug plan costs:
 - a. Medicare claim number: 111-11-1111-A
 - b. Last name: Smith
 - c. Date of birth: June 15, 1930
 - d. Medicare Part A effective date: February, 1995
 - e. Zip code: 55446
2. Beneficiary is currently enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan; in addition, he or she does qualify for extra help (limited income subsidy) paying for Medicare prescription drug plan costs:
 - a. Medicare claim number: 777-77-7777-A
 - b. Last name: White
 - c. Date of birth: December 5, 1929
 - d. Medicare Part A effective date: December, 1994
 - e. Zip code: 21244

3. Beneficiary is currently enrolled in Original Medicare plan and a stand alone Medicare Prescription Drug plan; in addition, he or she does qualify for extra help (limited income subsidy) paying for Medicare prescription drug plan costs:
 - a. Medicare claim number: 333-33-3333-A
 - b. Last name: Stone
 - c. Date of birth: April 15, 1940
 - d. Medicare Part B effective date: April, 2005
 - e. Zip code: 33025
4. Beneficiary is currently enrolled in an Original Medicare plan and Medicaid (dual eligible); in addition, he or she is not currently enrolled in Medicare drug plan:
 - a. Medicare claim number: 444-44-4444-A
 - b. Last name: Carpenter
 - c. Date of birth: May 20, 1967
 - d. Medicare Part A effective date: May, 1992
 - e. Zip code: 92841
5. Beneficiary is currently enrolled in Original Medicare plan only and is currently not enrolled in a Medicare drug plan; in addition, he or she does qualify for extra help (limited income subsidy) paying for Medicare prescription drug plan costs:
 - a. Medicare claim number: 555-55-5555-A
 - b. Last name: Jones
 - c. Date of birth: August 1, 1925
 - d. Medicare Part A effective date: August, 1991
 - e. Zip code: 50309

6. Beneficiary is currently enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan; in addition, he or she also qualifies for extra help (limited income subsidy) paying for Medicare prescription drug plan costs:
 - a. Medicare claim number: 666-66-6666-A
 - b. Last name: Johnson
 - c. Date of birth: September 6, 1940
 - d. Medicare Part B effective date: September, 1995
 - e. Zip code: 85018